GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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CRACKS IN BUILDINGS IN DELHI DUE TO EARTHQUAKE
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Govenment and private buildings in the Capital have developed major cracks due to earthquake on January 26, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have decided to provide any help in repairing the buildings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): CPWD have stated that no major cracks havedeveloped in any Government Buildings under their maintenance. Some Government buildings have developed hair cracks in partition walls. Minor cracks have been observed in some old bungalows in LBZ area. Non-structural cracks have been observed in partition walls of Lok Nayak Bhawan, Janpath Bhavan andSupreme Court Building. Filling in expansion joints have come off at some places.

Public Works Department of Delhi Government,which is responsible for the maintenance of Police Headquarters, have informed that they have inspected the building and it was found that one piece of marble cladding on the pillar wall separating the lobby area of the 5th floor of the building and the toilet had cracks. This crack was superficial and not of serious nature as building had been designed and constructed to withstand the forces of nature due to earthquake or high wind speed.

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences have informed thatthey have got their building inspected by a structural consultant and no cracks of serious nature were observed. Delhi Development Authority have stated that no such case in DDA managed area has been brought to their notice.

(c)&(d): CPWD have stated that after detailed scrutiny ofthe buildings under their maintenance repair works is taken up with concurrence of the occupying Departments.